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10,000 PEOPLE VISIT U.F.O. STAND IN ONE DAY.

At one time on Friday 3rd January over 1500 people an hour were passing through the B.U.F.O.R.A. stand at the NEW YEAR SHOW (Olympia). It was estimated that at the end of the day at least 10,000 people of varying ages had seen the display of "saucer" photographs and U.F.O. detecting equipment.

The exhibition which had been sponsored by the 'DAILY MAIL', covered three floors at Olympia and the subjects varied between such things as a 'live' Radio 1 disc jockey show, to an exhibition of tropical fish. The U.F.O. stand carried a number of contributions from the SIGAP group, including a number of Dan Butchers paintings and statistical graphs supplied by Dick Beet. Members of SIGAP were also on the stand during the display and a number of enquiries were received for membership forms.

B.U.F.O.R.A. received a number of new sighting reports as a result of their participation in the show and no doubt there will be an appreciable increase in their membership as a result of the wide public interest .

#### DID CAPTAIN MANTELL DIE IN HIS CRASHED PLANE ?

What might be termed as a 'spin off' story as a result of the U.F.O. Exhibition came when a visitor to the stand mentioned that he had some personal knowledge of the Captain Mantell case, a well known U.F.O. case that took place in the U.S.A. on January 7th 1948.

The visitor explained that he had been connected with the U.S.A.A.F. at the time of the incident and that he had also spoken to personnel who had been at the scene of the crash.

To reflect on the incident, Captain Mantell was one of the pilots 'scrambled' to chase a disc shaped object seen over the U.S.A. The aircraft used were P.51. Mustang fighters and they were not fitted with oxygen equipment at the time. The fighters chased the object, but as it appeared to be moving higher, all but Capt. Mantell's aircraft turned back. Shortly afterwards, Captain Mantell's aircraft fell to the ground and crashed. The mystery then began and theories were advanced for the cause of the accident, some people believed that the object had been a 'Skyhook' balloon and that lack of oxygen had been the reason for the crash, while others spoke of an encounter with a U.F.O. and of strange marks and the remains of the aircraft.

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The visitor to the U.F.O. stand at Olympia stated that marks had definitely been found on the remains of the crashed aircraft in the form of lines of equally spaced holes and he also stated that the body of Captain Mantell had not been recovered from the aircraft. There has always been a certain amount of conjecture about the recovery of the pilots body from the aircraft and the latter statement only increases the mystery surrounding this incident. We intend to interview this person further and any additional information will be reported in due course.

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U.F.O. FLAP IN NORWAY .  
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We have recently heard of exciting news from Norway in the area of Tønsberg.

It was reported in the local paper "Tønsberg Blad" just before Xmas, that a number of glowing balls had been seen in the area, they were about 2' in diameter and had been seen to chase a car and to hover over a house. In one incident the driver of a water 'taxi' on a nearby fiord had seen a light near a local island, he subsequently sped off to investigate and was alarmed to find that the light was a U.F.O. The light then began to move towards him so he quickly turned about and quickly made his way back to the shore. A Norwegian U.F.O study group is believed to be investigating the incidents and we expect to hear more news of the "glowing balls" ourselves.

The magazine "Norsk Ukeblad" also gave details recently of U.F.O. activity in both Norway and Denmark. Reference was also made to the transparent balls and the way in which they have been known to follow people. The magazine reflected that a similar phenomena had been seen during the war, they were then referred to as "Foo Fighters" and had been known to fly into the aircraft of that period.

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-0- THE LOCAL U.F.O. SCENE . -0-

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S.138. On Monday 2nd December, David Chaloner a pupil at the Royal Grammar School Guildford, noticed a star like object near the moon, the time was approx 6.15pm.

David commented that the sky was clear and the stars were visible, the object near the moon could be seen moving towards the North in a wavering motion. Within a short time the object changed course towards the North East.

It is possible that this moving light may have been a satellite and we will investigate this possibility. Our thanks go to Mr R.M. Skinner who sent in the report.

S.130. Mr R. Amos of Nightingale Rd, Guildford, reported seeing a bright pink light flickering near the Cathedral, he was looking West at the time and the light was seen to move towards the North or North East. The bright pink light was somewhat brighter than a star and although close to the horizon it could be seen varying its height. Eventually it vanished behind some trees after being viewed for some 30 seconds. Because of local aircraft noise it was not possible to determine if the object made any noise itself.

We have received a number of sighting reports from the Aerial Phenomena Investigation and Research Group, a society run by young people in Surrey. Unfortunately the UFO reports are lacking in important details but are nevertheless interesting and it is intended to document them more fully before printing details in the Newsletter. An example of the quality of the reports is shown below.

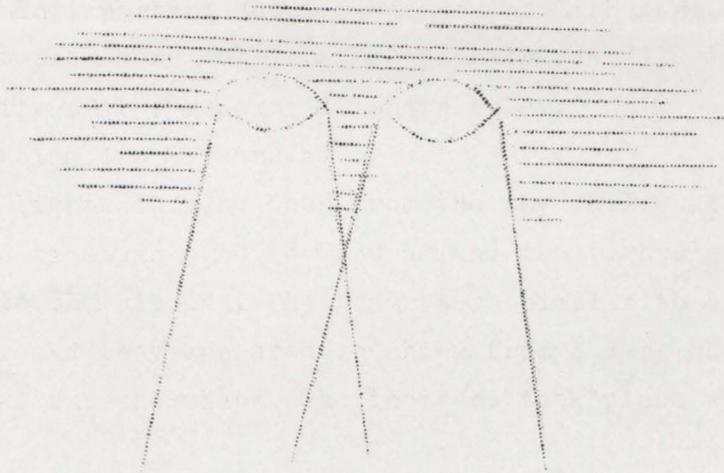
S.133. Date of sighting 4to 5 years ago.

Mr K.Swift saw two lights shining down from the sky while walking near Ragge Hill, Tatsfield,Surrey.The time was 6.30 to 7.30 am and the lights were moving in the opposite direction to the witness. The beams were similar to car headlights,but were much closer together and they appeared to shine from a dark shadowy object but it was difficult to make out the shape. The incident took place within a five minute period.

The story was investigated by Mr C.A.Ward the Chairman of A.P.I.R.G. who made the following comments..."The author of the report ,K.Swift , is a personal friend of mine and is considered by myself and others ,to be a very reliable witness."

" Tatsfield is close to the wartime airfield of Biggin Hill and although the R.A.F. side of the airfield is closed the other side is open as an Aviation Centre."

"It is possible that the witness may have mistaken a night flying aircraft with its landing lights on,but there are several factors against this"."Aircraft lights are usually inclined 30° to the horizontal and the witness stated that the lights seen by him were 70° to the horizontal , it should also be noted that no sound was heard and an aircraft flying at that height 2-3,000 ft. could clearly be heard."



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LIST OF NEW MEMBERS Dec. 68.

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- Mr R.C.Jarvis,4,Hillspur Road,Westborough,GUILDFORD,Surrey.
- Mr R.Drefke,35,Cooper Road,GUILDFORD,Surrey.

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HEARD ON THE U.F.O. STAND.  
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Grown Up :- " Where are all the little green men then....."

Sprightly 12 year old :- "Exactly what is your organisation out to prove ?"

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DOG MEEETS U.F.O.

A BRIEF SURVEY.  
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By - D.G.Butcher.

Part 1.

Reports of encounters between dogs and U.F.O.'s are by no means uncommon. There must be many cases on record. The following article surveys a brief selection culled from the FLYING SAUCER REVIEW and Aime Michel's FLYING SAUCERS AND THE STRAIGHT LINE MYSTERY.

The nature of these encounters, to judge from my rather limited sources, falls under four main headings:

1. Cases of fright on the part of the dog.
  - .. (a) Mild alarm.
  - (b) Severe Fright.
2. Cases of defiance on the part of the dog.
  - (a) Fear of dog shewn by U.F.O. entities.
  - (b) Positive defensive action taken against dogs by U.F.O. occupants.
3. The attempted abduction of dogs by U.F.O. occupants.
4. Traces of a giant dog in the vicinity of a U.F.O. sighting.

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Cases of mild alarm among dogs at a U.F.O. encounter usually results in barking and howling which draws the attention of the human witness to the scene. The four following reports are typical :

At Poncey-sur-l'IGNON, October 2nd 1954, dogs started baying and the witness saw a 'great cloud cigar'. (1)

At Premanon, (Jura), on September 27th. 1954, a barking dog drew children's attention to a U.F.O. entity. (2)

November 1964, at St. Alexis de montcalm, Montreal, a dog awakened Dr. Lebel in the early hours of the morning. Witness saw a large luminous ball hanging stationary above the tree tops near his home. (3)

1966 (?), Florida. Dogs awakened a man who was sleeping in a swamp. A lighted object was seen in the distance. The man tried to communicate with it but was knocked unconcious. (4)

It is difficult to judge, from these reports, the degree of fright experienced by the animals, but they were disturbed enough to bark or bay. There however, instances on record of dogs howling in the prescence of a U.F.O.

When the famous 'airship' appeared at Paris, Texas, in 1896-7, a dog howled until it passed from sight; (5) and howling dogs were reported to have awakened a couple of boys on two consecutive mornings in August 1965, near Sydney, Australia, and on each accasion a U.F.O. was seen. (6)

At Clifton Hampden, in North Berkshire, in 1966, a U.F.O. came into view while a woman was shutting up her corgis for the night. The dogs started to whine, making a 'dreadful noise'. (7)

Dog Meets UFO cntd...

(8).

Running dogs, as if fleeing from a U.F.O., can be seen in the Cappelquin photograph

On the evening of September 9th. 1965, a girl out walking with her dog between Tongham and Ash Green, Surrey. Suddenly the dog sat down and refused to move. It was then that its mistress saw 'two headlamps' in the sky. The girl was disinclined to attribute the dogs action to the U.F.O., but we cannot be sure that such was indeed the case - it could conceivably have been a temporary paralysis, though that seems unlikely. (9)

Cases of severe fright. The following is a borderline example, and should have perhaps, been included in the first category. At Weston near Runcorn, (no date/1967) a girl saw something in the sky, and sought refuge in a nearby house. A dogs hair stood on end. (10)

August 25th. 1965, at Morryston, South Wales, a woman was standing at the window when a bright light in the sky approached with such a glare that it seemed to burn her skin. Her neighbours dog became very frightened and, for ten minutes, refused utterly to go out. (11)

At Quarouble, France, on the 10th. September, 1954, M. Dewilde's dog was "howling loud enough to wake the dead". A U.F.O. was seen on the railway lines near his house. Just then, his dog came crawling up to him on her belly, and began to bark again. Shortly afterwards two U.F.O. occupants were seen. (12)

To be continued.

References will be printed finally.

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-0- Late UFO Report. -0-

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A New Haw woman said on Friday that she had seen two flying saucers. Mrs D. Withall of the Avenue New Haw, said she saw the objects at 10 am. while returning home from shopping.

The two saucer shaped objects were grey, with white domes, and were flying low over Grange School, New Haw, she said.

Mrs Withall said at first she thought she was seeing things. "They seemed to be following each other, and were travelling very fast" she added.

"Surrey Herald" 13/12/68.

This report will be followed up by SIGAP. O.F.

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Satellite News. (Decays)

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Warnings to aircraft pilots have recently been given by an American Organisation called the Volunteer Flight Network. The warnings are intended enable pilots to re-route their aircraft if they are flying in an area where a satellite is known to be re-entering the earths atmosphere .

We have a short list of decays, but no information on exactly where they will occur. :- 13th Jan 68. USA 1963/3a FTV Payload, also 1965/82np USA Titan debris. 16th Jan. 1968/83a USSR Cosmos245 Payload. 17th Jan. 1965/82by USA Titan 3 c4 debris 23 Jan. 1965/82op USA Titan 3 c4 debris.

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ANDES EXPLORERS TO INVESTIGATE "COSMODROME" FOR SAUCERS .

SANTIAGO, Chile.

A group of explorers will take a close look this month at a mysterious platform in the Andes, hoping to clear rumors that it is a "cosmodrome" for Flying Saucers.

The platform consisting of 10 ton blocks of volcanic rocks, was discovered last September, but owing to high winds and driving snow the explorers were forced to retreat from the site. They were unable to study the platform or to enter what appeared to be a door into a small fortress beneath.

Humberto Sarnataro Bounaud, a 32 year old businessman and painter, will head the expedition. He says that helicopters will be used and more equipment will be taken on the second investigation of the platform.

Many peasants and villagers in the area claim they have seen Flying Saucers apparently taking off and landing on the mountain near the platform. There have also been reports that cars have broken down and restarted without mechanical attention, an unexplained smell of burning without fire and fruit trees are blossoming out of season. Police and scientists have scanned the area with a geiger counter, but have found that only a strange heat made the trees blossom at this time.

The platform is in the mountains between San Clemente, Chile and San Rafael, Argentina - about 142 miles south east of Santiago.

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IS THERE WATER ON THE MOON ? WAS ADAMSKI RIGHT ?

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There have been many questions asked about the claims of George Adamski and in spite of the apparent absurdity of many of his statements, several have been confirmed in recent years. An example of this was seen when the first American astronauts described "fireflies in space". This phenomena had been commented on by Adamski in his book "Inside the Space Ships" some years before and in the same book, he described rivers on the moon. Although this seems hardly likely in view of the recent moon photographs, the possibility of water on the moon has been speculated upon in the past. Now in the January 2nd edition of "New Scientist" three researchers at the University of California, (S. Peale, G. Schubert and R. Lingenfelter) claim that as a result of analysing the photographs taken by Lunar Orbiter 4, it can be seen that more than 80% of the sinuous rilles on the moon (riverlike channels), lie on the margins of circular mare basins or craters

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with mare like floors. The significance of this finding is that the sinuous rilles - which may range in length up to 1000 km and be a few km wide - provide strong evidence for the presence of a fluid, probably water, on the moon.....

ECHO 2 Explains A Curving U.F.O. (S.138)

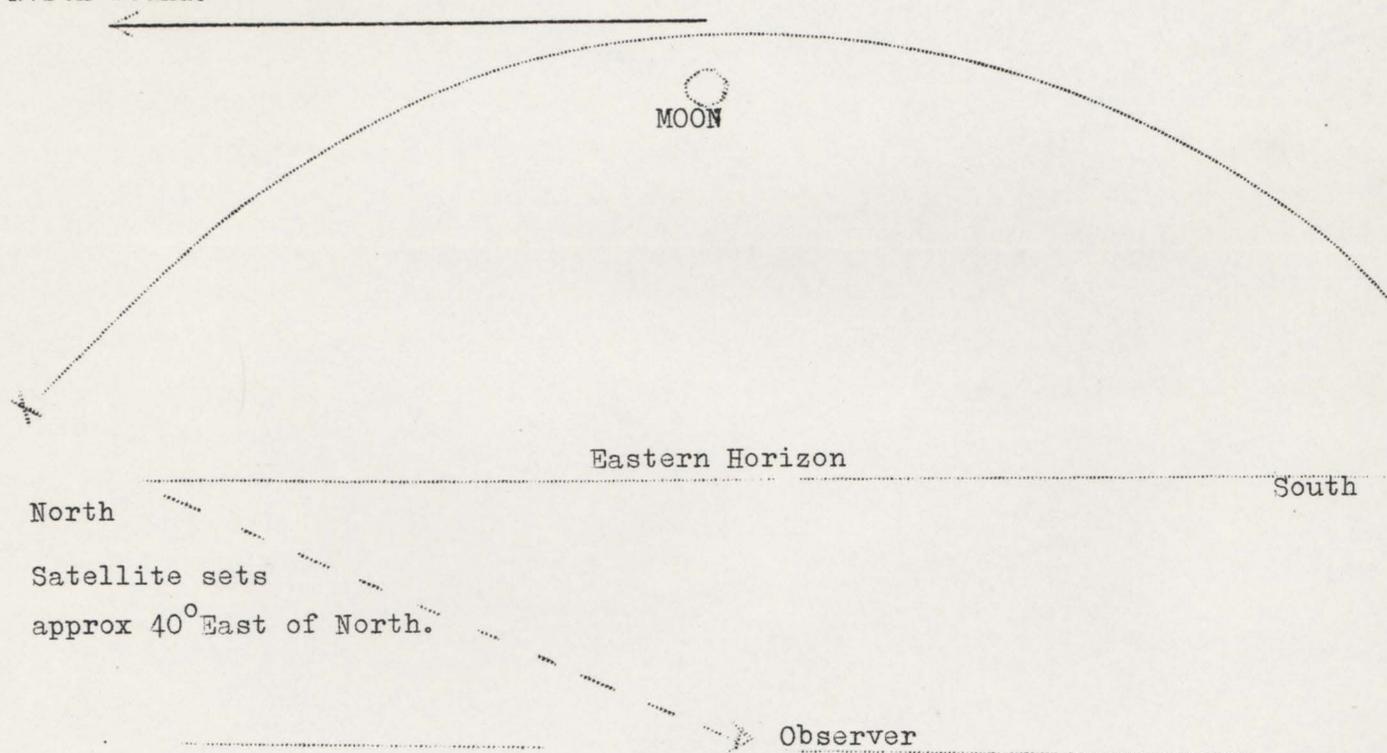
We are indebted to Tim Childerhouse of the Space Dept. R.A.E. Farnborough and one of our consultants, for explaining how the behaviour of Echo 2 can account for the report in last months Newsletter No. S.138.

Mr Childerhouse explains :- David Chaloner clearly saw Echo 2 (northbound) on the night of Dec. 2nd at 6.15.p.m. I also observed this satellite in the vicinity of the moon, perhaps the brief description and drawing may help to understand the track of the satellite across the sky.

All satellite transits form a curved path in the sky, the lower the pass the greater appears the curve, the higher and slower satellites are also affected by an additional factor. For every 4 minutes the earth will rotate 1 degree and this rotation will accentuate the curved path across the sky.

Satellites direction

North bound.



AUTHOR TO GIVE TALK ON FEB 11th

Norman Oliver the co-author of the "Scoriton Mystery" and "Sequel to Scoriton", is also an authority on UFO contact cases. He has recently formed a new group called COS-MOS (CONTACT Space-Men Or Saucers) and we are pleased to announce that he will give a talk to SIGAP on the subject, next Tuesday FEB 11th, 8pm at the canteen of Plastic Coatings Ltd, By-Pass, Guildford. Dont miss it .

TØNSBERG LATEST :

We have now received newspaper cuttings from the 'TØnsberg Blad' (Norway) and these are being translated. Latest January news states- 40 bright UFO's seen in the area during 1968. We expect to carry full details in our March edition.

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DOG MEETS UFO:  
A BRIEF SURVEY  
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By D. G. Butcher.

Part II.

October 26, 1967, at Ringstead Bay, near Weymouth. A U.F.O. arrived overhead and hovered there for some time. The witness' Alsatian dog was very distraught, and refused to 'sit'. She pestered her master to move on. On four subsequent visits to the area she became very distressed on each occasion.(13)

The dog in the following report, as in the previous two examples, was a bitch. It was at Valence, France, on the 26, September, 1954. The witness' dog, Dolly, first barked, and then howled miserably. A U.F.O. was then seen, and its occupant. The witness, a woman, fled; and the dog continued to howl, all the dogs of the village joining in. The dog was still trembling with fright three days later.(14)

In the following case it is reasonable to suppose that the crowd, who were throwing bricks at the U.F.O. entities, contributed to the dog's panic. When a U.F.O. landed on a sports field at Monza, Italy, a man set his Boxer dog on to the creature who was in a sort of diver's suit. The dog turned on its master and bit him!(15) Perhaps we have here not only a case of severe fright, but also of disorientation, and even an example of positive defensive action on the part of a U.F.O. entity.

U.F.O. occupants shew fear of dogs in some instances, as in the case of an American working in Austria in 1951. The report has it that the contactee's memory was preserved only because a dog's barking frightened the ufonaut away at the last minute.(16)

September, 30, 1954, at Valence, France. Woman with a dog met a form 'swathed in cellophane'. Seeing the dog, it climbed back into the U.F.O., and took off. (17)

October 15, 1954, at Perpignan, France. Customs official attested on oath that a reddish object landed near him, and that a man came out of it who was apparently scared by the barking dogs. He climbed back in, and took off.(18)

Positive defensive action taken against dogs by U.F.O. entities. On October 17, 1954, near Corbierres, France, a man was out hunting with his dog. A U.F.O. appeared, and two beings emerged from it. The man fled, but his dog ran towards the aliens. The man then noticed that the dog was retreating, walking in an awkward manner, as if partially paralysed.(19) What seems to be the same story, but with a different time and place attributed to it, tells of a man who came upon a U.F.O. when out hunting with his dog. The man fled, and the dog went for the object, but the latter became semi-paralysed, and was hardly able to get back to its master. According to this account, the incident took place at Manosque, near Valensole, in France, on 14, October, 1954.(20)

A group of U.F.O.'s. landed on the railway line near Trancas, Province of Tucuman, S. America, on October 21, 1963, and directed beams of light on a nearby house. The occupants of the house were terrified. Three fierce dogs were

affected by the rays, and became listless and enervated; but when the beams fluctuated, or played on another part of the house, they seemed to come to life again and began to howl. The dogs kept up their howling for some time after the U.F.O.s had left. (21)

Attempted abduction of dogs by U.F.O. entities. The following case may point to an attempted abduction. On January 10, 1967, at Point Pleasant, in the Ohio Valley, U.S.A., barking dogs drew the witness' attention to a U.F.O. which was descending a hill and edging along a ravine which led down to some kennels. It then changed direction. (22)

In the Autumn of 1966, three dogs disappeared, the incidents coinciding with the appearances of U.F.O.'s in the Point Pleasant area. (23)

November 6, 1957, at Everittstown, New Jersey. A non-human, gnome-like ufonaut, associated with a luminous egg-shaped object, spoke to Mr. John Trasco in 'broken language', saying: "We are peaceful people. We don't want no trouble We just want your dog." The dog was a 6-year old Belgian police-dog tethered to the side of the house. It was barking furiously, and frothing at the mouth with excitement and terror. (24)

Earlier on the same day, at Dante, Tennessee, a 12 year old boy got up to let his dog out of the house. Twenty minutes later he went out to fetch the dog, and saw it with a group of other dogs near an elongated egg-like object. "One of the men (associated with the object), grabbed at the dog who growled and backed away. The man then picked up another dog — an anonymous, small, dark-brown one — but it started to bite him, and the man put him down." (25)

Traces of a giant dog in the vicinity of a U.F.O. sighting. This is a special category, and can hardly be classed as an encounter.

On the evening of December 14, 1963, on the road to Vereeniging, S. Africa, two men, Messrs. Muller and Immelmann, saw "an exceptionally large dog....as big as a buck". A little later, as they were still travelling along the same road, they decided to return and investigate. At the spot where they had seen the dog they were persistently buzzed by a U.F.O. (26)

On January 19, 1967, on the Interstate Highway 64, at about 10 miles outside Charleston, W. Va., U.S.A., a large metal sphere was seen hovering at about four feet above the road surface. Three months later, John Keel examined the precise spot and found there a series of "very strange footprints in the mud beside the road...They looked like huge dog tracks...except that they were not dog tracks and were so deep that the animal which made them must have weighed from 200 to 400 pounds". None of the wildlife authorities in Charleston were able to identify the tracks.(27)

Three coinciding elements are to be noted in these two stories: the U.F.O., the road, and the trace of a giant dog. In those Black Dog legends which tell of a spectral animal having a light, or lights, where its head should be, a similar triad is implied: a mysterious light, a road, and a very large dog.

The tracks mention in the last case might be compared with some of the alleged footprints of the 'Surrey puma'. Those discovered in the vicinity of a 'puma' sighting on Hurtwood Common were of a very large dog, according to Maurice Burton, writing in the Surrey Advertiser in 1965.

(To be concluded in the next issue).

We have received further information on the Volunteer Flight Officer Network from SIGAP member John Bostock of Woking. V.F.O.N. was established in the autumn of 1963 and its purpose was to set up a world wide observing network consisting of commercial airline crewmen who will report sightings of all unidentifiable phenomena to one central location.

The project, directed by Herbert E. Roth of the American United Air Lines, has now expanded to include 118 participating airlines in 54 countries. A total of 39,000 flight crewmen are covering over 2.6 million unduplicated air route miles.

To date, V.F.O.N. has processed 1,346 reports, each one carefully has been carefully investigated and catalogued as follows :-

1127 Meteor sightings  
39 Reports of satellites, balloons and launch vehicles  
73 Reports on 28 different satellite re-entries  
34 U.F.O. type reports  
37 Reports of uncatalogued debris  
36 Reports still in process

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Spreading The Word .

Omar Fowler and Graham Raine gave a talk on Surrey U.F.O.'s to the W.I. at Milland, Nr. Liphook, Sussex on January 8th, with the aid of colour slides and tape recordings.

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A REPORT FROM WALES.

We have received a small number of reports during January and SIGAP member Mr D. Toombs has sent in several from Monmouth. This extract is from a report by a Mr P. Davies :- On Sunday Oct 13, 1968, at 8.45pm. I was observing the constellation of Draco the Dragon'. I then spotted a bright red light and brighter than Mars at opposition. As it came overhead, I noticed a shaft of light, white in colour, it was protruding from the right side of the object, my seven friends also noticed this light, it seemed to be shining onto some thin huge cloud. The object then disappeared into some thick cloud at 30° above the S.E. horizon. ( S.140).

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